

REVISED

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-1-11**

Date Prepared: January 7, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: January 11, 1999  
Business Meeting: January 11, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Inquiries General inquiries concerning this Utility Division agenda and subscribing to notice by mail may be made to Dennis Crawford at (406) 444-6182 or Dan Elliott at (406) 444-6187. They may refer inquiries to another person within the agency.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. NWPA v. PSC & USWC – Docket D96.12.220 – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on pending judicial review (1/12/99)
2. MPC Electric Restructuring – USBC – Docket D97.7.90 – Discuss/act on USBC implementation Issues (1/12/99)
3. Havre Pipeline Company – Docket D98.6.127 – Discussion and action on MPTM's Motion for Reconsideration, Havre Pipeline's Response to Motion and Request for Scheduling Order, and scheduling a hearing in Havre. Also discussion of a possible Petition for Late Intervention from a shipper who has changed its position on agreeing to the rate increase, as a result of obtaining additional information (1/12/99)
4. Commission's Implementation of SB 89 and other matters – Docket N98.9.203 - Discuss the comments submitted in response to the Commission's Conference (1/12/99)

5. Commission/ACT - CI-74 Lawsuit – To consider participating in Governor's amicus brief (1/12/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. REGAL TELEPHONE COMPANY/U S WEST - Docket D98.12.278(Karen)

On December 1, 1998, U S WEST Communications submitted the resale agreement between Regal Telephone Company and U S WEST for Commission approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). A notice of this application and opportunity to intervene or comment was issued on December 7, 1998. No comments have been received or intervention requested. A draft order has been prepared and distributed.

2. ONE EIGHTY COMMUNICATIONS/U S WEST - Docket D98.10.252(Karen)

On October 26, 1998, U S WEST Communications submitted the interconnection agreement between Regal Telephone Company and U S WEST for Commission approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). A notice of this application and opportunity to intervene or comment was issued on October 29, 1998. No comments have been received or intervention requested. A draft order has been prepared and distributed.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY- Docket N98.12.292 (Bonnie)

On December 22, 1998, Ronan Telephone Company submitted a Notice of Application for New Service, pursuant to 69-3-810, MCA and 38.5.2735 ARM, seeking approval of Voice Mail Service as a detariffed new service.

2. VOICECOM SYSTEMS, INC, PREMIERE COMMUNICATIONS INC, AMERICAN TELECONFERENCING SERVICES, LTD AND VOICE-TEL ENTERPRISES, INC – Docket N99-1-3 (Leroy)

Joint application for sale of assets, merger and cancellation of certificate. Sale and transfer of VoiceCom assets to ATS and Voice-Tel. Merger of VoiceCom with and into Premier Communications. Cancellation of VoiceCom's authority to resell intrastate, interexchange telecommunications services in Montana. VoiceCom will cease to exist after consummation of these transactions.

3. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUN., INC. – Docket N98.12.293 (Nina)

On December 24, 1998, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages to remove Zone Charges by combining Zone 3 with Zone 2. This will be accomplished by reducing Zone 3 subscribers Zone Charge by \$3.00, to become effective February 15, 1999.

4. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. – Docket N98.12.295 (Nina)

On December 28, 1998, MCI Telecommunications filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-20, reflecting a minor text changes to implement the card surcharges for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business), Option AA (MCI One Savings) and Option CC (MCI One Advantage).

5. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.12.297 (Nina)

On December 30, 1998, Sprint Communications Co., filed minor text changes to Sprint Unlimited

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-January 18**

- Docket N98.12.292 - RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY-Application for New Service
- Docket N99-1-3 - VOICECOM SYSTEMS, INC, PREMIERE COMMUNICATIONS INC, AMERICAN TELECONFERENCING SERVICES, LTD AND VOICE-TEL ENTERPRISES, INC – Joint application for sale of assets, merger and cancellation of certificate
- Docket N98.12.293 - CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – Remove Zone Charges by combining Zone 3 with Zone 2
- Docket N98.12.295 - MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - minor text changes to implement the card surcharges for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business), Option AA (MCI One Savings) and Option CC (MCI One Advantage)
- Docket N98.12.297 - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS - minor text changes

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- D99.1.1 - MDU – Security Issue
- D99.1.2 - Dennis Granrud dba Granrud Water Company - Request to abandon water company and turn it over to the water users
- N99.1.3 - VoiceCom Systems, Inc., Premier Communications, Inc., American Teleconferencing Services, Ltd, and Voice-Tel Enterprises, Inc. - Joint Application for Approval of Sale of Assets, Merger, and Cancellation of Certificate